

(Read LR 33CA by title for the first time. See page 321 of the Legislative Journal.)

New bills, Mr. President. (Read LBs 500-514 by title for the first time. See pages 321-24 of the Legislative Journal.) That's all that I have, Mr. President.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Is there anything further on the amendment before us?

CLERK: Nothing further pending to the proposed amendment as offered by the Rules Committee.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Mr. Clerk. Senator Beutler, your light is next, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Beutler waives off. Senator Chambers, your light is next.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President and members of the Legislature, Senator Schimek made a very good recommendation this morning and that was that we should leave the rules alone one session. Every time a substantive change is made it has to be redone because contrary to what Senator Witek and some others have said, the rules are aimed at a target and I have the bulls-eye on my chest. Others attempt to do this but they don't do it as consistently and they will fold and I won't because the only time I undertake one of these efforts to extend discussion is when I think the issue is so important that everything else goes by the boards and I'll go to the mat on it. I don't do this on trifling matters. There were a number of instances last session where fees were going to be raised and as a point of philosophy I am opposed to hidden or secret taxes disguised as fee increases and I offered a number of amendments to those fee changes. In one case Senator Baack had a bill like that and we sat down and we talked about it and we reached an accord, but the only way that could be done was by offering a number of amendments. Senator Moore was trying to raise a lot of fees relative to vehicles, some dealt with the driver's license, reinstatement of license, the registration fee and so forth. I offered amendments and rather than his trying to have them declared dilatory, they couldn't have been anyway, we had a meeting across the hall in one of those little rooms that Senator Witek spoke of and when we came out of the little room we had reached an agreement and a lot of time was saved instead of me having to fight each one of those amendments. And by the way, it would have been difficult to declare them dilatory